Index of industrial production released by CSO

932. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the index of industrial production for August as released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) reflects a growth of only 1.3 percent as reported in the Financial Express dated 11th October, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that earlier data released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) regarding industrial production was taken at face value; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not accepting the data as released by the Central Statistical Organisation this time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) No Sir, the Industrial growth measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for major industry groups for the month of August, 2008 and for April-September, 2008-09 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year is given below:

Growth Rate (in %)

Sector/Industry	August 2007	August 2008	April-Sep 2007-08	April-Sep 2008-09
Mining & Quarrying	14.7	2.7	4.9	3.8
Electricity	9.2	0.8	7.7	2.5
Manufacturing	10.7	1.4	10.0	5.2
Overall	10.9	1.4	9.5	4.9

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Composition of commodities in Indian export basket

933. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the present commodity composition of India's exports, also the details of commodities added to the export basket during the last five years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to further diversify the export composition basket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The composition of India's export

in 2007-08 comprised of Engineering Goods (20.7%), Petroleum Products (17.4%), Chemicals and Related Products (13.7%), Gems and Jewellery (12.1%), Textiles (11.3%) Agriculture and Allied Products (8.3%), Ores and Minerals (5.6%), Leather and Manufactures (2.2%), Electronic Goods (2.2%), Cotton Raw including Waste (1.4%), Marine Products (1.1) etc. A total of 96 commodities have been added to the export basket during the last five years.

(b) Initiatives for diversifying exports are taken in accordance with the provisions under the Foreign Trade Policy (2004-09) and its Annual Supplements. These include the implementation of the Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Vishesh Krishi and gram Udyog Yojna, Market Access Initiatives (MAI) and Market Development Assistance (MDA)

Infrastructural development along DMIC

934. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to develop road linkages for Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) along the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) of the Railways;

(b) if si, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat has also submitted a proposal for development of various infrastructure linkages for overall development of DMIC; and

(d) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India accorded *'in-principle'* approval to the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project outline in August, 2007 which envisages *inter-alia* Project development Work for implementation through Public Private Partnership of world class infrastructure in the region including road transport connectivity. A Central Special Purpose Vehicle named DMIC Development Corporation (DMICDC) has been incorporated in January, 2008 and the Corporation has appointed an International Consultant for preparation of Detailed Perspective Plan for overall DMIC Region with per-feasibility studies which includes road linkages to be developed in the region.

(c) Yes, Sir. M/s Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB), a Government of Gujarat entity has forwarded a proposal for augmentation of roads in Gujarat in the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor. DMICDC has also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with GIDB in July 2008 to facilitate development of select early bird projects.

(d) DMICDC has since then selected an International Consultant for preparation of Development Plan for the identified Investment Region in the State of Gujarat.